should say that the virtue in ift, so far as there is virtue in itd we have met with it in some of the nest as well as some of the noblest mankind-lay in the development hich the practice must give to the ower of self control. There are many in proportion to the number of the de-igher occasions for the exercise of that scendants and to their wealth. When a igh quality, but there are none, except n the case of ill tempered men, which secur so frequently. All men naturally ike to spend, and to be thrifty the refolve not to spend whenever expenditure is avoidable must be acted on 20 If his widow purposes marrying again, times a week and will in a short time exercise a perceptible influence on the character. The man learns to resist momentary temptation and becomes therefore a stronger man, just as a white man becomes more enduring from the constant wearing of clothes. The weight of clothes is seldom great, but the perpetual habit of carrying them almost imperceptibly strengthens the muscles. The thrifty man is more master of himself than the extravagant man and in self mastery is one most fertile seed of

But thrift in itself is not virtue any more than a plow is agriculture or mathematics accuracy of thought. The in the main room before the largest best test of this is that a Christian teacher who in England would inculcate thrift would in many another country be compelled to condemn it as of all qualities the one which most interfered with freedom of the spirit. Now a virtue which is a real virtue and not merely an expedient practice must be as independent of national manners as of geography. No doubt in England the use of carefulness needs to be inculcated, the typical Englishman, if he wants sparrows, being ready to shy at them with half crowns, but it should be taught as arithmetic is taught, not praised as a Christian virtue.-London Spectator.

# Twain as a Liar.

Mark Twain, in "More Tramps Abroad, " tells how he lied out of a controversy about Scottish dialect. In a discussion with some strange Scots he remarked that the peasantry pronounced three "three," and not "thraw." 'There was a moment of astonished and ominous silence; then weather ensued. It was a bad defeat for me. It promised to remain so, but I had a saving thought. While the storm was still raging I made up a Scotch couplet and then spoke up and said: 'Very well! Don't say any more. I confess defeat. I thought I knew, but I see my mistake. I was deceived by one of your Scotch poets.' 'A Scotch poet! Ob, come! Name him.' 'Robert Burns.' It is wonderful the power of that name. These men looked doubtful-but paralyzed, all the same. They were quite silent for a moment, then one of them said, with the reverence in his voice which is always present in a Scotchman's tone when he utters the name, 'Does Robbie Burns say -what does he say?' 'This is what he

"There was me bairns but only three-One at the breast, twa at the knee." It ended the discussion. There was no man there profane enough to say any word against a thing which Robert Burns had settled. There are people who think that honesty is always the best policy. This is a superstition."

# The Austrian Empress.

The old adage that a Christmas eve child is born to sorrow is illustrated in the case of the empress of Austria, who The Duchess Elizabeth of Bavaria was married to Francis Joseph of Austria "t the early age of 16, and was then considered the loveliest woman in Europe. She was not well received by the great families of Austria, who thought that the emperor should have chosen a bride from a more famous house than a ccllateral branch of the Wittelsbachs of Bavaria. The Hungarians, however, went mad with enthusinsm over their beautiful queen and throughout her reign have remained her devoted slaves. She was passionately fond of riding and for long spent a portion of each year in the hunting fields of England and Ireland. The breakdown of her health compelled her first to forego this pleasure, and then she was debarred from fencing and even from her mountaineering excursions. The unhappy marriage of her only son and the refusal of the pope and the emperor to consent to his divorce preyed upon her mind, and since his tragic death years ago at Mayerling she has led the life of a recluse. - San Francisco Argonaut.

# Carson and the Buffalo.

Kit Carson while with Fremont's expedition had an experience similar to that of a tiger hunter in India when the tiger hunts the hunter. While hunting to get "meat" for the

expedition Carson chased a buffalo bull. On coming up to the bull's side Carson fired just as his horse stepped into a prairie dog hole. Kit went 15 feet over the horse's head.

The bull, maddened by the bullet, which had struck low under the shoulder, chased the hunter, who ran toward the river. It was a race for life, a case of nip and tuck as to which should reach the river first. Kit got there and leaped from the bank just as the bull stopped on the brink, shaking its head.

Kit swam round and round. The bull watched. Then a companion crept up, shot the animal, and Kit crawled on shore, skinned the buffalo, cut off its baunch and cut out its tongue. - Youth's Companion.

# Effectually Done.

"Do you have your shirts done up at laundry?" asked Hojack. "I do," replied Tomdick, "and it requires only about three washings to do them up very exhaustively."-Detroit Free Press.

The Unexpected. Laura-When Bob proposed last night, did you know what was coming? Lucretia-No, I didn't know papa was within hearing; neither did Bob.

Poer Bob!-Yonkers Statesman. Welcome Words. "Yes, his sermons are tiresomely long, but he always says something to

"Well, what did he say to the point last Sunday?" "'In conclusion.' "—Cleveland Plain

Dealer. The name California, derived from the two Spanish words caliente fornalli -i. e., "hot furnace"-was given by Cortes in the year 1535 to the peninsula now known as Lower California, of which he was the discoverer, on account of its hot climate.

Peculiar Chinese Customs.

The customs of the Chinese in the matter of death and burial are certainly peculiar. Infants are buried summarily without coffins, and the young are interred with 1ew rites, but the funerals of the aged of both sexes are elaborate scendants and to their wealth. When a childless married man dies, his widow may perform all the duties of a son toward him, may remain in his house and may adopt children to rear as his heirs and as worshipers of the family manes. a young male relative may, with the consent of senior members of the clan, undertake the services expected from a son and may inherit the estate of the deceased. When one is about to die, he is removed from his couch to a bench, or to a mat on the floor, because of a belief that he who dies in bed will carry the bedstead as a burden into the other world. He is washed in a new vessel, in warm water, in which a bundle of incense sticks is merged. After the washing the vessel and the water are thrown away together. He is then arrayed in a full suit of new clothing, that he may appear at his best. He breathes his last door in the house, that the departing soul may easily find its way out into the air. A sheet of spirit money (brown paper having a patch of gilding on one surface) is laid over the upturned face, because it is said that if the eyes are left uncovered the corpse may count the row of tiles in the roof, and that in such case the family could never build a more spacious domicile.-New York

### Lincoln's Kindly Character.

Mr. Grow related a story about Lincoln which illustrated two phases of the martyr president's character. Mr. Grow, then speaker of the house, had gone to the president to ask the appointment of a friend as a judge in one of the territories. The president made a note of the request. A few days later, when Mr. Grow called at the White House not about the judgeship, but upon another matter, Mr. Lincoln at once began to apologize. "Mr. Speaker," said he, "I meant to appoint your friend to that judgeship, but a woman came in here with nine small children and one at the breast and pleaded the bread act and breaded me out of it."

"While we were talking, however, Mr. Lincoln said that he would still attend to my matter and started to put down my friend's name. He went to his hat, which was filled with papers, and after remarking that he had a queer way of doing things began fumbling until he found a blank sheet. I told the president that if his hat should blow off a lot of state secrets would be scattered, but be only smiled, wrote down the name and said that he now knew where to find it when the time to consider the matter came around."- Washington

## His Request.

"You have scarcely spoken to me at all this evening," she said in tones of

"I-I beg your pardon," her husband returned apologetically. "I was just trying to think of something to say. 'Is there anything on your mind?"

"Yes, to tell you the truth, there is." "Can't I help you in some way?" "You might, if I could suggest it without your becoming angry."

"Tell me about it. It is my duty to sympathize with you, you ki "On my birthday anniversary you

gave me a fountain pen." "Yes. And now you are going to say that it makes a horrid muss and that

you don't want to write with it." "I'm rat going to say anything of the kind," he replied stoutly. "I'm going to write with that pen every day of my life. But there is one little favor that I would like to ask."

"Please make me a suit of overalls to go with it. "-Washington Star.

"What is it?"

A tiny girl of 7 or thereabout gave a dinner party the other day for which 12 covers were laid, and that number of small maidens sat down to dine. It was a real little girls' dinner, and the little hostess herself presided, sitting at the head of the table. But she was anxious, in looking forward to it, to do everything as it should be done.

"Mamma," she asked, "shall we say grace?" "No," said mamma, "it will be a

very informal dinner, and I think you need not do that."

That meant one less ceremony to be gone through and was a relief, but the little lady was anxious to have all her small guests understand it. So as they were gathered about the table she ex-"Mamma says this is such an infernal

dinner that we need not have grace today."-New York Times.

# Scared Tennyson.

Tennyson one day entered a club reading room and sat down in a large armchair before the fire. Much to the amazement of the other occupants of the room, he proceeded to elevate his feet until they rested on the chimneypiece in "real American" fashion. No expostulations on the part of his friends respecting the inelegance of the position were of the slightest avail. Suddenly a brilliant inspiration seized one of them. Going close to Lord Tennyson, be whispered in his car, "Take your feet down or they'll mistake you for Longfellow.' In an instant the poet's boots were on the floor, and he assumed the ordinary position of an Englishman. -San Francisco Argonaut.

Calm In Time of Emergency.

Servant (rushing in)-Ma'am, the house is on fire!

Boston Mistress (who is giving a 5 o'clock tea)-Summon the fire department, Honoria, and do not disturbus again. We are discussing the "crime of the split infinitive."-Chicago Tribune.

# Faithful to Els Word.

Nell-I thought you said May's Gauce was a white baired octogenarian? His hair is jet black.

Belle-Ah, that's what he meant, then, when he said he would dye for her. -Philadelphia Record.

For a long time religious incantations formed the only method of treating disease. Litunies were chanted while remedies were applied. In Egypt pharmacy was practiced at an early date.

The stem side of the orange is not nearly so sweet and juicy as the other , Buying "Gums" In America.

Englishmen and Americans frequentdiffer greatly in the names they have ist came to an American city from Lonpurchasing several things said:

'By the way, do you keep gums?' The saleswoman smiled. "No, indeed," said she, "but I think

you can get them next door." The artist thought it was peculiar at a stationer's, but thought perhaps it

was American. So he went next door and found it was a shoe store. "A funny place to keep gums," quoth he, but in he walked and asked for

"What size do you wear?" said the woman who met him.

That floored him. What on earth has that got to do with it?" thought he, but he discovered that he wore sevens.

Soon the woman appeared, carrying a pair of overshoes. "Will these suit you?" said she to

"I don't want those. I want gums, "Oh, you mean mucilage," said the girl radiantly. "You can get that at any stationer's."-St. Louis Star.

the surprised Englishman.

The English Patent Office Library. If the poor inventor is not entirely no previous patent, he is confirmed in his belief that he will at last see his dreams realized and that he will in a short time possess great wealth. If, on the other hand, he finds his ideas have been anticipated, his dreams of fortune fade away like mist before a morning sun, and life, as he has known it for so many weary years-hard, toilsome, pitiless to those who, like himself, lack money-lies painfully clear before his

A short three hours-or even lessspent in this library may plunge the man who entered it hopeful and bright into deepest despair, and it is certain that within its walls many silent tragedies of this kind are enacted week by week and noticed by only few if any of those around. But inventors are a hopeful race, and though some who suffer such a disappointment of all their hopes may never recover from it there is no doubt many recommence their experiments and elaborate other inventions from which they expect the same, or even greater, realities of wealth and happiness. - Chambers' Journal.

## Not Quite Certain.

A case was being tried in court, and the particular question at issue was the number of persons present when a certain event occurred. An honest but simple minded German was in the witness

He had never taken an oath before and was not a little disconcerted. The lawyer who conducted the cross examination saw his opportunity and badgered him with questions after the manuer of his kind.

"How many did you say there were present?" be shouted, bringing his fist down upon the table as though the fate of empires 'rembled in the balance.

ness, "off course I gould not chust s y, but I dinks dere vas betveen six and mayor. Before nightfull the women as smaller in a sort of clubbones and play

"Tell the jury what you mean by that," reared the lawyer. "How could there be between six and seven? Were there six or were there seven?"

"Vell," answered the witness, "maybe I vas wrong. Dere vas more as six. but dere was not so much as sefen. One was a fery leetle boy."-Pearson's Weekly.

# Lobengula's Justice.

Only one old tree marks the spot where the king used to sit administering justice to his subjects. A large part of this justice consisted in decreeing death among his indunas or prominent men who had excited his suspicions or whose cattle be desired to appropriate. I'm going forth to slay. I shall go forth Sometimes he had then denouncedwitch doctors as guilty of practicing magic against him. Sometimes to dispensed with a pretext and sent a messenger to the but of the doomed man to tell bim the king wanted him. The victim, often ignorant of his fate, walked in front, while the executioner, following close behind, suddenly dealt him with the knobkerry, or heavy ended stick, one tremendous blow, which crushed his skull and left him dead upon the ground. Women, on the other hand, were strangled .- "Impressions of Afriby Professor Bryce. ca,"

Locking Ahead.

New Boarders-That bed's rather narrow for two. Landlady-Three have slept in it.

New Boarders-Yes, but we haven't boarded here long enough yet to get that thin .- Harper's Weekly.

# Extra Inducements.

"Extraordinary Fire Sale" read the advertisement. "Customers are invited to call and examine goods, which will be found still warm."-Philadelphia North American.

Why She Wanted a Pint. Ethel is small, but extremely sober minded and therefore to be trusted to

run on household errands. The other day her mother called her from her play and said, "Ethel, I want you to run over to the grocer's and got me a quart of vinegar. "

Ethel looked thoughtful and hesitated. "I'd rather get a pint, mamma," she answered. "Why, Ethel, dear?" exclaimed be, astonished parent. "I need a quart,

which you must get." Again the little girl paused. "No," she said, "I'll get you a pint." "I'm surprised at you. Why should

von buy a pint when I wish a quart?" insisted the mother. "Because," answered Ethel, the tears

beginning to come, "I can say pint, and I can't say krort!"-New York Sun.

# Not Worried About His Ancestors,

"I can trace my ancestors back to 100 vears before William the Couqueror." "Well, I can't trace mine that far, but I haven't the slightest doubt that some of them were living even earlier than that."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

The New York Latin Quarter.

Eastward from quaint old Greenwich lies Washington square, whose vicinage, for the same object. A well known art- together with a devious and doubtfully defined district bisected by Broadway don, and after becoming settled went and reaching irregularly castward and out to buy some artists' materials. He northward as far as Stuyvesant square, went to a stationery store, and after has sometimes been styled the "Latin quarter" of New York. Within this region a few of the pioneer American authors, many of those who belonged to what John Burroughs calls our "second crop," and a still larger number of authors who "have not yet the advantage that he could not get what he wanted of being dead," have or have had home or haunt.

Washington square has itself given title to a tale by Henry James of New York life. At No. 21 of the adjacent Washington place that subtly realistic novelist was born, and his father, "the seer," wrote some of his metaphysical treatises. We may be sure that the school kept by "a broad bosomed, broad based old lady with a ferrule," of which young James had knowledge, was not far distant, and if we sit of a summer evening with Howells' "Marches" among the old trees of the square we see just north of it the "wide fronted house with a big balcony before its drawing room windows" and with steps and something to stick with. It comes in a trimmings of white marble in which dwelt the Dr. Sloper of James' tale with his dull daughter and her plotting aunt. Another marble and brick dwelling of the same row is that from which Kitty, the heroine of one of Brunner's merry "Ballads of the Town," disappeared to go "summering" ignorant of patent procedure, he knows in a studio building on the other side of that the patent office makes no search to the square. Hereabout N. P. Willis test the validity of his invention, and suffered a flagellation from Edwin For so he comes to undertake it himself. If rest, provoked by the poet's conduct and he finds that his invention appears in criticisms in relation to the latter's divorce ligitation.-Lippincott's.

The Origin of "Tommy Atkins." The name of Tommy Atkins, which is sobriquet of the British private soldier in all parts of the world, had an official origin and was originally used in the instructions to noncommissioned officers for purposes of illustration as John Thomas is often used on election forms.

Sample blank returns were furnished to show sergeants and corporals and recruiting officers how genuine ones should be made out, and Tommy Atkins, private. Company B, was the flutitions name always used. Model individual reports were also included '1 the regulations, signed "Thomas A. kins, private, Company B," or "Thomas Atkins, corporal, Company C," or "Thomas Atkins, X, his mark."

Hence when a recruit arrived at a garrison the soldiers usually addressed him as Thomas Atkins until they found out his real name. Drunken soldiers reported themselves as Thomas Atkins when they were taken to a police st ... tion until the public took it up, ar Tommy Atl.ins became an affectiona's synonym for the gallant warriors of her majesty's land forces.-London Globe.

## A Oneer Russian District.

There is in Russia a district which is wholly administered and during most of the time exclusively inhabited by women. It is the province of Smolensk and comprises a district of about 15 square miles, from which all the ablebodied males emigrate in the spring and proceed to neighboring towns and districts in search of work, remaining away about nine months of the year. In their absence the women cultivate the fields and manage local affairs general-Vell," rieckly answered the witsemble in a sort of clubbonse and play cards till 1 or 2 in the morning. Virtue there is compatible with unlimited cakes and ale, and though the hours are late and so much time is given to amusement the commune is prosperous, disorder is unknown and it is one of the best conducted portions of the empire. The czarina takes an interest in it and is proud of it. - New York Tribune.

The Vow of a Boy Nemesla. Bring to me my large revolver and my keen Damascus blade and the rubber boots I'm used to when in gore I freely wade. Hither bring my trusty sandbag, bring the snickersnee, I say, for my day has come for murder, and to the slaughter like a bridegroom to "smelled out," they called it-by the his joys, and I'll fill the nearest graveyard with a string of gifted boys. I shall brain the boy attorney with a spasm of delight, and the boy who preaches Sundays he shall fall before my might. On the trail of boy physicians gayly, gladly shall I camp. Let the boy pianists tremble when they hear my roaring tramp. When I strike the boyish statesman, he must say his prayer and die. When the boy reporter meets me, mark ye how the fur shall fly, for I'm weary and disgusted and my mind has lost its poise; I have read such beastly twaddle treating of the gifted boys. -Atchison Globe.

> His Explanation. Gentleman-Well, Pat, I see you have a small garden.

Pat-Yes, sur. "What are you going to set in it for next season?"

"Nothing, sur. I set it with potatoes up.

"That's strange. How do you explain it?"

"Well, sur, the man next door to me set his garden full of onions." "Well, had that anything to do with

your potatoes not growing?" "Yes, sur. Them onions was that strong that my potatoes could not see to grow for their eyes watering."-Strand Magazine.

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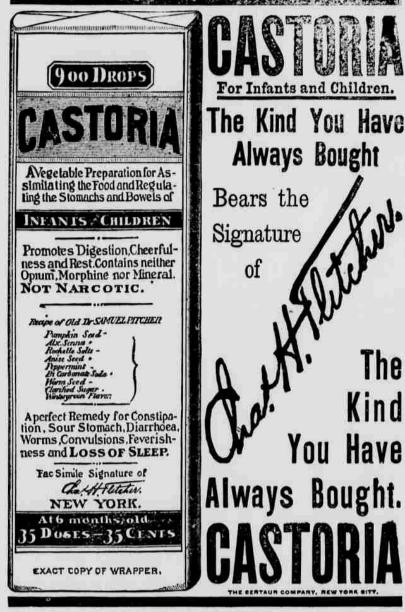
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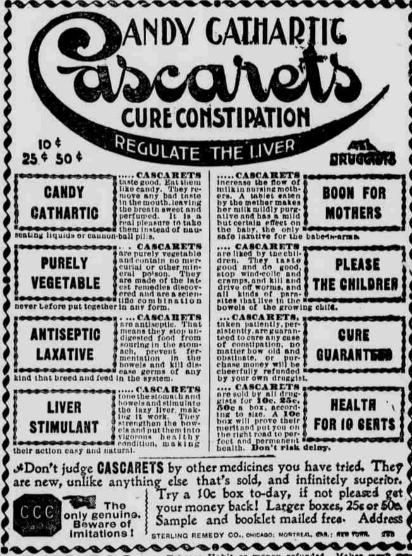
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